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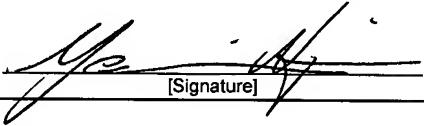
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Int. Filing Date: September 24, 2004</b>	)
<b>FOR: PROCESS FOR MULTI-LAYER MATERIAL) REMOVAL OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SURFACE BY USING A RASTER IMAGE DESCRIBING THE SURFACE</b>	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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